BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-149-C - ORDER NO. 97-999

NOVEMBER 20, 1997

132.

IN RE: GTE South, Inc. - Level of Earnings

ORDER

DOCKER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of the level of earnings of GTE South, Inc. (GTE or the Company). We have considered this matter, and have found that all excess earnings have been utilized pursuant to this Commission's decisions in Docket No. 97-125-C (Depreciation Rates), and Docket No. 97-326-C (Request to Expand Local Calling Areas in Sumter, Lamar, and Bishopville). We therefore conclude that this Docket should be

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

closed, and do so Order.

Chairman

ATTEST:

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